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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Joseph L. Kim et al.
Examiner : Marianne P. Allen, Ph.D.
Group : 1647
Application No.: 09/303,216 Confirmation No.: 8037
Filed : April 30, 1999
For : CRYSTALS OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS HELICASE OR
FRAGMENTS THEREOF COMPRISING A HELICASE
BINDING POCKET

New York, New York
June 30, 2006

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

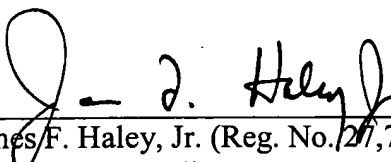
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to file a Response to the December 30, 2005 Office Action. With the extension, a Response must be filed on or before June 30, 2006. Thus, this Response is timely filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$1020.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) and any additional fees that may be due, or to credit overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 (Order No. 003752.0001).

A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. F. Haley, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

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